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MILLER FOUNDRY SELLS ITS CANTON PLANT LAST WEEK

New Company Organized to Take Over Foundry—Hercules Motor Co. Officials Figure in the Deal.

WILL GREATLY ENLARGE ITS PRESENT OUTPUT

The Henry-Miller Foundry Co. has owned two foundries—the one in Medina and a second at Canton. The Medina plant has been a good business proposition but the foundry at Canton has given the head of the company many wakeful nights. For some months past the directing head of the foundries, C.J. Miller, has been confined very closely to the Canton foundry in an effort to get the maximum product from that foundry. The news of the sale of the Canton foundry, because of this fact, will have no strange sound to those who knew of the unsatisfactory conditions existing. Sunday's Canton Repository carried the following news story:

The Canton branch of the Henry Miller Foundry company was purchased Saturday by a group of Canton and out of town manufacturers. Among the purchasers are H. H. Timken, president of the Tinkem Roller Bearer company; J. G. Obermier, factory manager of the same plant; Charles Balough, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Hercules Motor Manufacturing company; Gordon M. Mather, of Toledo, vice president of the Hercules Motor Manufacturing company, and R. W. Gallagher, of Cleveland.

The foundry was closed Saturday and will remain closed until Thursday morning, when operations will be resumed again. While the foundry is shut down a complete invoice of materials on hand and of the machinery now in use will be made by the new owners. The foundry is to be operated by a new company, which is being organized at the present time. The new concern will be known as the Motor Casting company. The price paid for the foundry was not made public.

At the present time there are about 200 men employed at the plant and according to the purchasers this number will probably be doubled in the next few months. The new officials expect to materially increase the production at the foundry within a short time and to greatly increase the equipment.

Starting Thursday, when the foundry will again resume operations, only automotive grey iron castings will be produced. It is expected that most of these will be made expressly for the Hercules Motor Manufacturing company.

Things are running as usual around the Medina foundry and little is known here of the Canton deal. The usual force of men are working and castings are being turned out as usual.

There are rumors, however, that there is soon to come a change in the product here. The foundry has been running more or less on commercial castings—machinery parts. It is said that the Medina foundry will change to stove castings almost exclusively in the near future. There is a big demand for these castings, in fact a demand for these second to none, and it is said that working full capacity the Medina foundry will not be able to turn out the product that the demand calls for.

There is, too, a big demand for machinery parts, for which the foundry now holds a small contract. These machinery parts are then "machined" in the Medina Machine Co.'s plant and when shipped out from here are ready for use in the building of machines for which they are made. Working together in the past the foundry has made the castings and the machine shop has completed the work of making the castings ready for use, in this way one helping the other. What a change in operations will mean to both only time will tell.

The one big drawback in manufacture today is the securing of sufficient steel. Iron for casting purposes is not plentiful but with steel the dearth is even greater. Both the foundry and machine shop are running full blast at this time, with a favorable outlook, and it is the belief of those in authority that the year 1920 will prove very favorable to the two big Medina industries and that both will show a big forward movement.

The selling of the Canton plant will not lead to many changes in the plans in the Medina plant, it is said. It will, however, give the management of the Medina plant a free hand and in this way may add somewhat to the success of the local plant. With the success of the past to build upon there should be an even greater future for the local foundry, and it will require but a small stretch of the imagination to make such a prophecy. Greater things are planned for the future than in the past, and with the best endeavor of the management centered on the plant and its business in Medina a more prosperous business will be looked for in 1920 than ever before.

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In the national funds with the Episcopal St. Paul's church. Last received word was one of the richer churches outside the city. The subscriptions did go way over the top. And in the local parish these subscriptions did go way over the top. After complimenting the officers and the congregation for the good work, Rev. Caulk was asked for the "formula" by and thru which the result was attained. It was desired, he wrote Rev. Caulk, to give the data to certain other churches who seem to fail to fully grasp the needs, the possibilities, or to understand the methods which may be used to make parishes 100 per cent perfect. This data will be forwarded and the local church membership hopes that it may enable others to do their full share in this great work.

HOMES ARE NEEDED HERE IN OUR CITY

Everything is Crowded to Overflowing and Workers Wishing to Move Here Can't Find Suitable Living Quarters.

MODEST, COMFY HOMES REQUIREMENT OF HOUR

How many Medina citizens with money that it troubles them to keep at interest that will net them 6 per cent are there thinking of erecting a few modest homes for mechanics that will pay a rent giving them good security and better than 6 per cent? The need is here and the continued growth of the town—and there must be a continued growth if business conditions and securities are to stay healthy—demands that something be done in this line.

Materials are very high just now and a man don't care to build until he is satisfied with conditions. But it is possible to begin to figure now; figure on location, needs of those likely to occupy them, what rent will be possible over a period of years, and in this way have the preparatory work out of the way.

There is a big need in this direction and one calling for action. Some men may prefer to build on their own hook rather than invest in a building and loan company. They can do their duty to the public in this way as well as in any other, but they have a duty that must be performed in some way and it is believed once shown it they will gladly do it.

There is and has been a crying need in Medina for some time for more modest homes. So far little effort has been made to provide them; probably because few, if any, have stopped to consider these needs. The average citizen must have things dimmed into his ears to make him realize anything outside the usual routine of his life. Men who know this need, then, should keep up the din; should keep it up until something is done in the matter. Medina is a good town, has many moneyed and kindly people; but a great majority of these people need waking up. Who'll make a move looking to the comfort of people now here and those who will yet come if some effort is made to give them suitable homes?

BULL DOG ATTACKS A GIRL ON STREET

Little Donna Williams, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Williams, of S. Court street, was attacked by a dog in front of the Cannon store Monday. The little girl was playing with her sled and dog when a bull dog made as to attack the dog. Donna took the little one up in her arms to protect it when the big dog jumped on her and tried to get his teeth in the little animal. Finally, when Donna protected her dog, the bull made an assault on her. He did not bite her but jumped against her and threw her down and scratched her face with his claws.

Grocer Cannon and a half dozen others went to the rescue of the little girl. Cannon kicked the big dog several times in the belly and it tired of the punishment and slinked away.

The little girl was more scared than hurt, but the assault was so sudden that it completely upset her. The dog was a white and black bull, wore a harness, and when given a good kicking slunk off to an auto standing on the square that was said to be an out of town machine. The officer being out duty at that time, and what's everybody's business being nobody's business, the dog's owner was permitted to leave town without being penalized for the act of his dog.

FOREST CITY SHOW OF LATEST AUTO MODELS

Cleveland is planning for a big auto show, to begin Saturday, Jan. 17, and continue 8 days. All the 1920 models and some of the more popular cars of an older vintage will be put on display at this show.

Medina will send a big delegation to see these new cars with an eye to making a purchase, and many will go, to, with a view of enjoying the show as a means of recreation.

FAIR DATES PICKED FOR THE 1920 FAIR; SEPT. 21, 22 AND 23

Fair Board Officers Chosen at Saturday's Meeting; Also Superintendents of Departments and Police Patrols.

LARGE PART OF DEBT ORDERED LIQUIDATED

The meeting of the Fair board Saturday was well attended despite the severity of the weather. Seventeen out of a possible 23 answered to the call of the roll, and much enthusiasm was manifested. All of which augurs well for the success of the Big Show in 1920.

The election of officers was one of the main events of the day, and resulted as follows:

President—Don L. Crawford.
V. Pres.—E. M. Ganyard.
Secretary—F. M. Plank.
Treasurer—H. E. Alyard.

The executive committee of five was passed over for future consideration by the president.

The list of superintendents was named as follows:
Horses—A. M. Baughman and Morgan Neath.
Races—H. S. Orr and H. A. S. Canfield.

Cattle—O. F. Mantz and I. F. Beachy.

Sheep—H. C. Hulbert and C. C. Fenstermaker.

Swine—A. W. Nettleton and L. R. Wideman.

Poultry—F. J. Kindig and Fred McKee.

Grains, Seeds and Garden Products—R. M. Albert and C. M. Crum.

Fruits—J. T. Mayer and J. A. Coler.

Preserved Fruits and Provisions—Ray Ferriman and Mrs. A. W. Nettleton.

Halls—W. J. Anderson and C. C. Cheeny.

Ornamental Work—Mrs. H. S. Orr.

Domestic Work—Mrs. E. M. Ganyard.

Educational and Club Work—W. D. Pearce and S. M. Salisbury.

Hand and Machine Sewing—Mrs. H. C. Halbert.

Knitted Fabrics, Crocheted and Lace Work—Mrs. D. S. Longacre.

Fine Arts and Paintings—Mrs. Don L. Crawford.

Plants and Flowers—Mrs. W. E. House.

Gates—E. M. Ganyard.

Grounds—W. J. Anderson.

Forage and Stalls—John Whipple.

Mechanical and Manufactures—John Pierce.

Rents and Privileges—President, secretary and treasurer.

Printing—Secretary and treasurer.

Chief of Police—W. E. House.

Marshals—H. E. Jenne and assistants.

The finances of the Fair were carefully audited and the monies accounted for. As the books stood they showed some \$2800 in the bank to the Fair Board credit. Several years ago, however, bad weather and other unpropitious circumstances put the Fair Board in a hole financially. This necessitated a debt of \$4000. It is the purpose of the board to pay \$2500 of this indebtedness, which will leave the board with about \$300 for emergency funds. Considering the things the board has had to contend with in the recent past it is felt that the present board is making a splendid showing at this time.

Secretary Plank was chosen delegate to the State association of Fair Officials, to meet in Columbus Jan. 14 and 15, with A. F. Canfield, of Litchfield, as alternate.

Dates chosen for the 1920 Fair, Sept. 21, 22 and 23.

Already Secretary Plank is receiving bids and inquiries for privileges at the 1920 Fair. Inquiries as to exhibits, premiums, racing events, etc., are beginning to come in slowly, presaging a prosperous show in 1920.

The personnel of the board of directors is as follows: L. F. Beachy, Guilford; J. T. Mayer, Liverpool; J. A. Coler, Sharon; O. F. Mantz, Spencer; H. C. Hulbert, Westfield; C. C. Cheeny, Leroy village; Fred McKee, Hinckley; C. M. Crum, Lodi village; Ray Ferriman, Brunswick; L. R. Wideman, Chatham; A. S. Canfield, Litchfield; F. J. Kindig, Montville; H. S. Orr and W. J. Anderson, Medina; A. W. Nettleton, Medina tp.; E. M. Ganyard, Granger; R. M. Albert, Harrieville; Don L. Crawford, Seville; W. E. House, Lafayette; A. M. Baughman, Wadsworth tp.; Morgan Neath, Wadsworth; John Pierce, York; C. C. Fenstermaker, Homeroville.

LOCAL MEN FORM OIL & GAS COMPANY

A number of Medina citizens, who have caught the oil and gas fever, on Saturday of last week formed a company which has for its purpose the handling of leases and drilling of wells. Incorporation papers were sent to Columbus on Monday of this week.

The new company will be known as the Wilt Oil & Gas Co., and will be capitalized at \$10,000. The incorporators are: J. H. Wilt, F. W. Woods, F. E. Stine, H. G. Rowe, and R. O. Bowman.

TWO MEDINA MEN IN AUTO WRECK AT MINER'S CROSSING

G. V. Kingsbury Has Skull and Jaw Fractured—Will Frombaugh Has Both Legs and Hips Broken.

NEITHER MAN COULD SURVIVE THE SHOCK

A serious accident occurred on the Southwestern Ry. at Miner's Crossing, two miles north of Medina, about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. At this crossing—which is a dangerous one—the electric package going north ran down an auto containing G. V. Kingsbury and Will Frombaugh, completely wrecking the machine and seriously injuring both men. An eyewitness says that the traction car struck the auto full abreast and with full force.

Both men were thrown some distance, landing against a trolley pole at the side of the road. The auto was going west and the impact was terrific. Both Frombaugh's legs and hips were broken and crushed; Kingsbury's skull was fractured and his jaw broken in two places. Kingsbury was unconscious though at times attempting to talk; Frombaugh was so badly shattered that little of his talk was coherent.

Both men were taken to St. John's hospital in Cleveland in the local undertakers' ambulances, after first aid had been given them at the scene of the accident. Examination showed Kingsbury in a very serious condition, only partially conscious, with no hope of his recovery. He was so weak all thru the night and showed so little sign of reaction that no attempt was made to operate on him. At 6 o'clock Wednesday morning a message was received which stated that he was breathing laboriously and it was feared the end was near. Everything was being done for his relief but no efforts put forth under his feeble condition to set any bones or reduce any fractures.

While Frombaugh's injuries were more in the nature of surface fractures he was, too, very low, talked only in a rambling manner and could be but partially understood. No hopes were held out by hospital authorities for his recovery. He attempted to send a message to friends but no one could understand what he wanted to convey.

It was a hard matter to get a connected account of the accident from either of the men they were so severely injured, and neither one seeming to regain full consciousness after the accident. There seems to have been but one eyewitness and his view was partly obstructed. It seems settled, however, that the car struck the auto with full force and about the center of the machine which was travelling fast.

Kingsbury was a married man and lived with his wife in Medina. Frombaugh had been married and separated from his wife; there are two children. His continued efforts to send a message—which no one was able to unravel—it is believed had to do with his wife or children.

The crossing where the accident occurred is a bad one and men who travel the road much say it is a hard matter, owing to a depression in the roadway, to see an approaching car until it bears down on one. The injured men were in no condition to talk intelligently about the accident or the steps leading up to it. From a sifting of the gossip concerning the accident it seems that both the car and the auto were making good time; the auto in taking a chance as to whether or not there was any obstruction, and the car in an effort to keep to its schedule. Taking all the circumstances into account it would seem that no especial recklessness can be charged up to either, but due caution should have caused the men in the auto to have made a more careful inspection.

Miner's Crossing is known among auto men as a bad crossing, and one that should be approached with care. This is not the first time that wrecks have happened at this place. Only last summer Ory Wickwire and family of Granger township had a miraculous escape when their auto was struck and completely wrecked by a limited car.

One can hear many rumors on the street, some purporting to come direct from eyewitnesses. One family asserts that it saw the whole catastrophe and declares that the men in the auto did not exercise due care. They say, however, that the motorman did not blow his whistle in warning.

Frombaugh is said to have made the statement that the men in the auto saw the car coming and that he, Frombaugh, asked Kingsbury to stop and wait until the car had passed. He said that Kingsbury replied, "We can easily make it," and went on. As Kingsbury lacked but 8 feet of "making it," it is easy to see how so small an error of judgment could actuate him.

Kingsbury died about 10 a. m. Wednesday, and Frombaugh about 1:30 p. m. The remains in both cases were brought to Medina Wednesday.

Mrs. Kingsbury is the daughter of Mrs. Steinley, living on S. Broadway. The funeral of Mr. Kingsbury will be held at his late home at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. He was 27 years old.

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SECOND GAS WELL ON WHIPPLE FARM

A second gas well was drilled in on the Whipple farm Wednesday morning. Reports from the well say there was a flow of between two and three million feet. A well drilled in some weeks ago showed fairly well but not so good a flow as this second.

There is still considerable interest in the "Big 16" well, that is flowing nearly three millions. It was turned into the service pipe Sunday and at last accounts was crowding over \$200 worth of gas across the meter every day. The "boys" owning this well are still jubilant over their find and are planning to put down a couple more wells. Plans are on foot, too, for the incorporation of a \$50,000 gas and oil company with the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization here at home.

U. S. District Attorney says "combination sales"—sales where a small supply of sugar is made to carry sales of otherwise undesirable merchandise—are unlawful and merchants must not attempt them under promise of prosecution. A wise decision.

FAMOUS WILL CASE BOBS UP ONCE MORE

Court of Appeals Reverses Decision Handed Down By C. P. Court in Construction of Melissa Brittain Will.

MOTION FOR RE-HEARING HAS BEEN FILED

A case which has become more or less famous in Medina county on account of the publicity given it—that of Roswell Hopkins and Zina Wallis, executors vs. Otis F. Briggs et al.—bobbled up again this week when the court of appeals handed down a decision reversing the judgment of common pleas court. The case was one of construction of the will of Melissa Brittain.

Melissa Brittain made a will of June 3, 1893, and died on Feb. 1, 1895. She had but one daughter at the time, Mrs. Edna Bowes, who afterwards married Ulrich Steudler, to whom she left her entire estate. At the time the will was drawn Edna was anticipating the birth of a child. The important part of the instrument reads as follows:

"It is my will that whatever property I may own at the time of my death, both personal and real, be given to my daughter, Mrs. Edna Bowes, and I wish it to be kept separate and apart from any other property she may have, and if she should die without issue from her own body, then I wish the above property to be equally divided between by brothers, Henry F. Briggs, Otis Briggs, Samuel Briggs, and sisters, Sophie F. Chatfield and the children of my sister, Abigail Kinney, deceased, are to have equal shares of what would have been their mother's share if living; and also my sister Emily Hopkins, deceased's son Roswell is to have what would have been her share if living and if any of brothers or sisters should die before myself, then their children are to have equal shares of parent's share if living."

"If my daughter, Edna Bowes, should die and leave issue and it or they might die without issue, then I wish the property to be divided in same manner as described. (In case of my daughter, Mrs. Edna Bowes, dying without issue.)"

Edna Bowes Steudler received \$9148.26 from her mother's estate and died testate March 3, 1918, leaving a total estate valued at about \$30,000. During her lifetime she had used the money received from her mother's estate as her own and disposed of it by will to Roswell Hopkins, one of the plaintiffs. The child born to Mrs. Steudler had died five years after the death of its grandmother, Mrs. Brittain.

The point in question was whether Mrs. Brittain meant to leave her estate to her daughter, Mrs. Bowes Steudler, to be used as her own property, or whether it was not to be kept in a separate fund by Mrs. Steudler at whose death—in the absence of a living child—it should go to Mrs. Brittain's brothers and sisters.

Judge McClure in common pleas court ruled according to the latter contention—that the property did not belong to Mrs. Steudler in fee simple that it was not hers to will as she pleased at the time of her death. The case was then appealed.

In reversing the decision handed down in common pleas court, the court of appeals says:

"If the construction placed by the Court of Common Pleas prevails no beneficial estate would ever be vested in the daughter. It was a fact that Mrs. Brittain was 53 years old when the will was made; Edna was 21, and the estate might have been tied up over a hundred years had the child of Edna lived, or until her (the child's) decease without issue."

"If Edna had lived without issue prior to Mrs. Brittain's death, then the property would be given to brothers and sisters in fee simple or absolute estate. Had the will been contested at the time of probate of Mrs. Brittain's will this would have been the decision."

"It was evidently deceased's intent to Edna, that only the content"

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EARLY MORNING FIRE BUT A SMALL BLAZE EASILY EXTINGUISHED

Blaze Catches From Spark An Hour After Geo. Matthewson Burns Out His Furnace—Home Insured.

4-YR. COLORED GIRL STILL GOING STRONG

Many Medinaites were called out of bed at 7:15 Wednesday morning by the sounding of the fire alarm—a few were already up and dressed. Quick response by the fire laddies and the Dept. "was off." Given a wrong tip they raced about several minutes before locating the fire.

The home of Geo. Matthewson, on N. Jefferson was slowly burning, a small blaze having been communicated to the roof by the side of the chimney. This was soon extinguished once the Dept. arrived on the scene.

Early in the morning Matthewson, who works at the Foundry, burned out his furnace which had been smoking for a few days, using a handful of paper to set fire to the soot. Matthewson had breakfasted and gone to work some little time before a neighbor boy, seeing smoke coming from the roof of the Matthewson home, gave the alarm of fire. Mrs. Matthewson at once called central, but in her excitement failed to give particulars. After the Dept. had chased about for several minutes, with not sufficient instructions, a second alarm was sent in and the boys arriving on the scene the blaze was soon extinguished.

Very little loss was occasioned. The home was insured for \$1000 but there was none on contents. The loss from water was greater than from the fire. A small hole was burned in the roof.

One of the interesting features of the fire was the race to see it by a 14 year old colored girl. Starting from across the town from the fire, and with the side chasing by the Dept. in an effort to find the blaze, this girl kept close to the fire truck through the whole race. Several companions tried to keep pace with her but fell far behind. She ran like an Indian warrior—with long, steady strides, tireless, breathing quietly, occasionally turning back to cheer her companions who were forced to take short cuts and even lagged far behind and often dropped out. But after the whole run over town this athlete kept running back and forth, enjoying the exercise and showing little fatigue from the miles she had covered. It goes without saying that this young colored girl had no trouble in making above 90 in her lessons Wednesday.

HOWER'S STORE AT LODI ROBBED AGAIN

Robbers Make Clean Get-Away Taking 65 Men's Suits of Clothes and 8 or 10 Overcoats. Leave No Clue.

MORE POLICE PROTECTION IS BADLY NEEDED

Robbers paid the village of Lodi another visit some time after midnight on the morning of January 1, picked out the clothing store owned by N. W. Hower & Sons, and after forcing an entrance through the front door, made a clean get-away with 65 suits of men's clothing and about 8 or 10 overcoats. The robbery was not discovered until about 7 o'clock Thursday morning.

N. W. Hower & Son's store seems to hold some attraction to burglars, as the place has been visited many times in recent years. Local officials claim that the place is chosen more often than other places on account of the peculiar layout of the store. The door is in the center of the front, with two large windows on each side. These windows, however, are boarded up in the rear so that no light can be seen from the outside, which allows the inside workers an additional protection.

The latest robbery occurred some time between midnight of New Year's eve and the following morning. Entrance was gained through the front door which was jimmied open with a wrecking bar, such as is used in the gas and oil fields. After opening the door the robbers pulled down the curtains in front and proceeded to make a systematic search of the place, boldly turning on lights to aid them. It is thought the loot was taken away in an automobile.

The sheriff was notified about 7 o'clock Thursday morning, just as soon as the theft was discovered. He made an inspection of the premises but obtained no clue whatever.

A reward of \$350 has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the robbers, while \$600 has been put up for the return of the stolen property.

Authorities attribute the frequency of robberies in Lodi to the fact that no night watch is employed at present.